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FEBRUARY 19. FOR IOP/M. TODAY'S MORNING PAPERS LA PRENSA GRAFICA AND EL DIARIO DE HOY GAVE PROMINENT INSIDE PAGE COVERAGE TO UPI STORY HEADED "KISSINGER GIVES PERU ASSURANCES OF U.S. FRIENDSHIP" IN THE FORMER, AND "STRICT SECURITY MEASURES ON KISSINGER'S ARRIVAL TO PERU" IN THE LATTER. THE ITEM QUOTED MR. KISSINGER AS GIVING ASSURANCES TO THE PERUVIAN MILITARY LEADERS OF U.S. FIRENDSHIP IN SPITE OF IDEOLOGICAL DIFFERENCES. IT ALSO REPORTED THAT THE MEETING OF CENTRAL AMERICAN CHIEFS OF STATE HAD BEEN CANCELLED AND THAT INSTEAD THE FOREIGN MINISTERS OF THE AREA WOULD REPRESENT THEM. THE UPI ITEM WAS USED EXTENSIVELY IN BOTH PRESTIGIOUS PULBICATIONS AND SPECIAL EMPHASIS WAS GIVEN TO MR. KISSINGER STATEMENT THAT "THE U.S. UNDERSTANDS AND RESPECTS THE PERUVIAN REVOLUTION CARRIED OUT BY THE ARMED FORCES. PERU HAS PWNH D A RESPONSIBLE ICOLE IN THE MOVEMENT OF NON-ALIGNED NATIONS." LA PRENSA GRAFICA ALSO CARRIED INSIDE ANOTHER UPI-STORY REPORTING ON VENEZUELAN STUDENTS DISORDERS TO PROTEST MR. KISSINGER'S VISIT TO VENZUELA. IN ANOTHER RELATED STORY, LA PRENSA GRAFICA PICKED UP A ITEM WHICH REPORTED MR. KISSINGER WOULD MAKE ANOTHER TRIP TO SEVERAL LATIN AMERICAN COUNTRIES AND THAT THE SECRETARY OF STATE WAS ESPECIALLY INTERESTED IN THE OAS MEETING TO BE HELD

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IN SANTIAGO ON JUNE 1.

EL DIARIO DE HOY PUBLISHED AN
INSIDE AP SOTRYIDHICH SAID THE
FOREIGN MINISTER OF PERU HAD DEMANDED FROM SECRETARY KISSINGER
A FORMAL MEETING BETWEEN THE UNITED STATES AND LATIN AMERICA.
YESTERDAY'S AFTERNOON PAPERS EL MUNDO AND DIARIO LATINO CARRIED
ROUTINE MATERIAL OF MR. KISSINGER'S TRIP TO LATIN AMERICA DRAWING
HEAVILY FROM THE WIRE SERVICES. EL MUNDO CARRIED AN EDITORIAL
BASED ENTIRELY ON A PRE-TRIP ITEM SUPPLIED BY USIS, CONCERNING
A PRESS CONFERENCE BETWEEN MR. KISSINGER AND MEMBERS OF THE
AMERICAN PRESS. THE PAPER ALSO DISPLAYED AN AP ITEM FROM COSTA
RICA REPORTING ON THE CANCELLATION OF THE MEETING OF CENTRAL
AMERICAN CHIEFS OF STATE.
EL MUNDO AND DIARIO LATINO BOTH GAVE PROMINENT TREATMENT TO
MR. KISSINGER'S CARACAS SPEECH IN WHICH HE SAID THE DOORS WERE
OPEN FOR A NEW ERA OF RELATIONS BETWEEN THE UNITED STATES AND
THE LATIN AMERICAN COUNTRIES BASED ON GOOD WILL AND MUTUAL
RESPECT.
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